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## SPECIAL STU-A ELECTION ISSUE

### Candidates for Stu-A President and Vice President

#### Lawaun Curry '97 and Andy Kruppa '97

This upcoming year Curry and Kruppa hope to foster a campus environment where student unity and school spirit is prominent. We believe that utilizing the Pugh Center and heightening Stu-A's accessibility and communication with the students will help raise awareness and combat apathy.

At Colby, administrative goals sometimes undermine the best interests of the students. We believe that the future of the school is important, but the school must also keep in mind the current students' interests and needs. Two good examples are the elimination of student art from our art museum, and the war on alcohol. The alcohol policy must be frozen before we get steamed. The academic reputation of Colby is of the utmost importance, but its social repu-

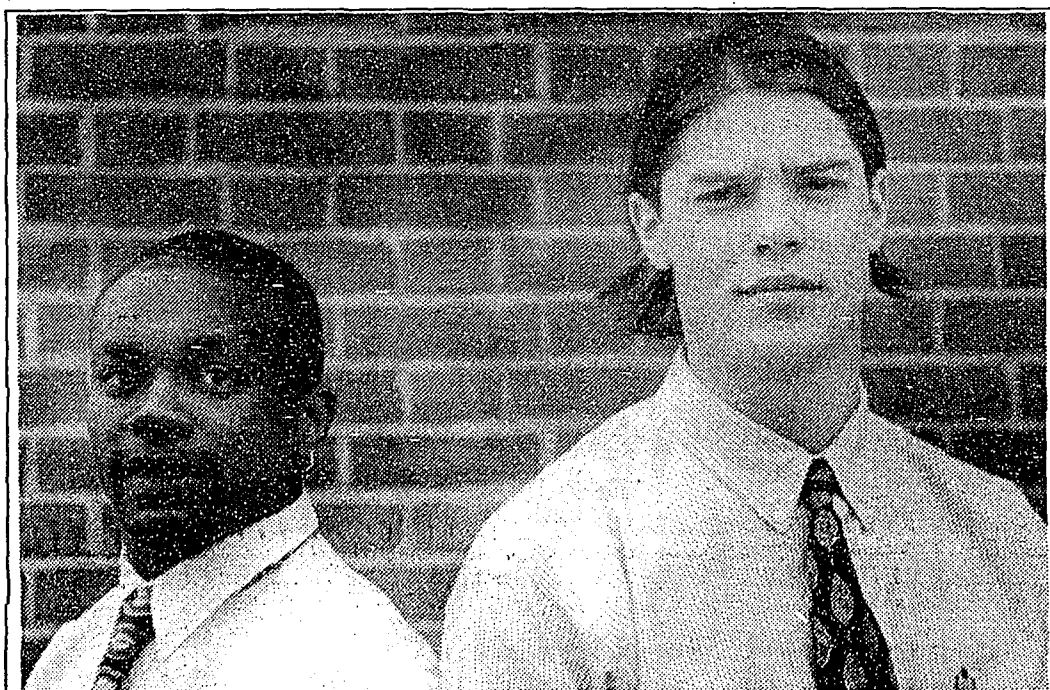
tation is also important and should not be disregarded. The future of the school depends upon both the academic and the social reputation of the

strive to inform the student body of all important issues before they become a crisis. There is no reason that Stu-A or the students should be caught off guard

by issues like the impending changes in the withdrawal policy.

Finally, the most important objective of this campaign is that all student opinions are recognized and dealt with. We want all goals, ideas, and complaints of the students to be put to full consideration by Stu-A, the administration, and faculty. We will support

student ideas to combat the run-around many individuals are given. We do not want your ideas or problems swept under the rug. This is completely unacceptable behavior for the administration at a school this small. Please be involved in this year's student association election. Vote.



Lawaun Curry '97 (l) and Andy Kruppa '97.

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#### Todd Poling '98 and Dan Noyes '98

Monday, April 8, brings an important date to Colby. The election of the 1996-1997 Student Association will take place in the Student Center. As candidates for Stu-A President and vice president we, Todd Poling and Dan Noyes, would like to take this opportunity to familiarize you with a few of the many important issues we expect to address next year if we are elected.

In the past, and even more so today, the administration has treated

the student body with a lack of respect. Issues involving students have been decided without student input or opinion. Take for instance the 21-year-old party training and the cuts in hall staff. The student body has been repeatedly ignored and treated with disrespect. If elected president and vice president, we promise to stop the abuse and develop a level of mutual respect between the administration and the student body.

Second, we are committed to cre-

ating a community that is comfortable for all. No more division... no more separation... unity as a whole. Each student at Colby is diverse in his/her own way. Let's use each other's diversity to create a sense of pride and community at Colby.

Third, not only is it important for the administration to keep in touch with the students, but it is important for Stu-A to remain in touch with students. If elected, we expect to keep students informed on the affairs of the College. We will continue to publish the Colby Gripe, hold a weekly radio show for the community to participate in, frequently write letters to the Echo informing students of current issues and we promise to attend hall meetings and events of the dorms around campus to help "feel the pulse of the student body."

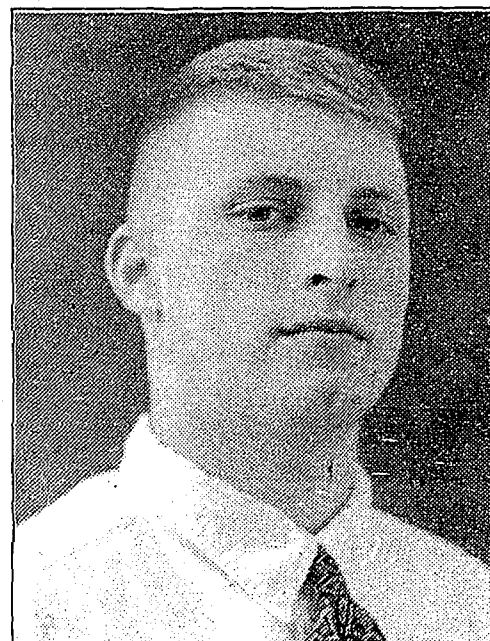
We encourage you to vote on Monday. You have a great opportunity to make a change in the atmosphere at Colby. We want to be part of that change. Please vote for Todd Poling and Dan Noyes for Stu-A President and Vice President. We are committed, we have experience, and we care about the students of Colby. Poling and Noyes, "Committed to Student Respect." Thank you.



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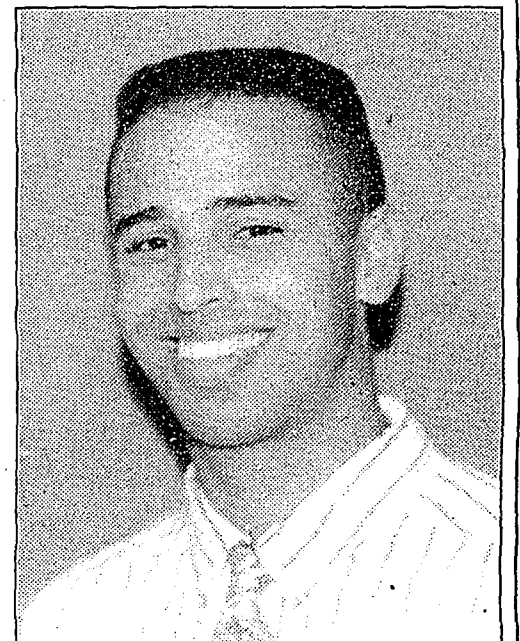
1 Dan Noyes '98 (l) and Todd Poling '98.

#### Josh Woodfork '97 and Graham Nelson '98



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Graham Nelson '98.



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Josh Woodfork '97.

As candidates, our top priority was beautifully articulated by Robert F. Kennedy when he said, "The task of leadership, the first task of concerned people, is not to condemn or castigate or deplore; it is to search out the reason for disillusionment and alienation, the rationale of protest and dissent—perhaps, indeed, to learn from it."

Our ticket represents the "know-how" as well as a new viewpoint. Josh was Stu-A vice president during his sophomore year and sat on the Trustee Commission for Multicultural Housing that ended in the proposal for the Pugh Center that is currently under construction. Graham breaks the mold of your "typical" Stu-A candidate. Although not formally involved with student government, he has been actively involved with sports and the Diversity Steering Group and provides a spirited, fresh perspective. Thus, we have the ideal ticket, combining experience with enthusiasm.

Kennedy captures exactly what we would first like to do:

find out why there has been a recent wave of students stepping forward who are unhappy with different facets of Colby. In splitting the government into two separate branches, social and legislative, these concerns would be dealt with more effectively. The social arm would focus strictly on social life including speakers and concerts; while the legislative arm would concentrate on representing student voice.

Furthermore, we would like to: reexamine the current Diversity requirement, maintain a social life on campus that includes the responsible use of alcohol, help to attract more students of color, utilize the new Pugh Center, investigate eating disorders, further community service programs, and look at the role of Colby in the Waterville community.

Josh will be flying in from Howard University (semester abroad) on Friday for the election events. If you have any questions contact Graham (ext. 4911). On Monday, vote for experience and enthusiasm.

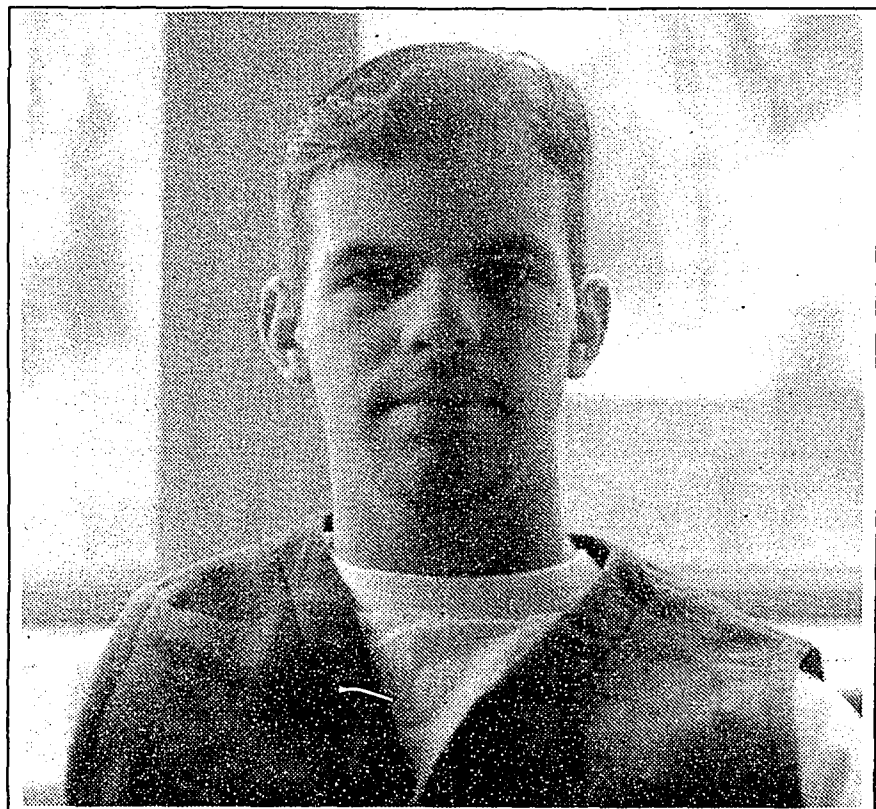
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# Election Edition

## Candidates for Student Association Social Chair



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### Patrick McBride '97

I've decided to make a bid for Stu-A Social Chair in hopes of improving the social life on Colby's campus and to provide positive, effective programming that will bring the school together. In the three years that I have been at Colby, the social life for drinkers and non-drinkers alike has deteriorated. It is fairly easy to recall a number of weekends this past year when there was nothing going on socially on campus and the Student Center was quiet.

A lack of positive social programming causes many problems on a campus such as Mayflower Hill. With little alternative in Central Maine and constant battles with Mother Nature, students deserve campus-wide events that benefit all. For those who drink, the lack of parties has forced them to their rooms and off campus, where the drinking cannot be monitored and the may result in problems. Students are charged in their bills for social programming and there is no reason why there should not be something for students to do just about every weekend.

My goal as Stu-A Social Chair is just that — to increase positive social programming on campus. I believe in a greater role among commons leaders and the individual social chairs in the dorms. No longer will a dorm social chair be someone who simply collects a slush fund — he/she will be counted on to provide a voice concerning social issues and to take an active role in programming.

As Chaplin Commons President this past year, Chaplin has sponsored events such as Bob's Bear Bash, Smashing Turkeys II, The Decades Party, The Semi-Naked Party, The Super Bowl Party and the Strangefolk concert. All were greatly attended and provide a social environment that everyone can enjoy. This year, however, events such as these were the exception and not the norm. In a year when students called for more responsible social behavior, there needed to be a better atmosphere for this.

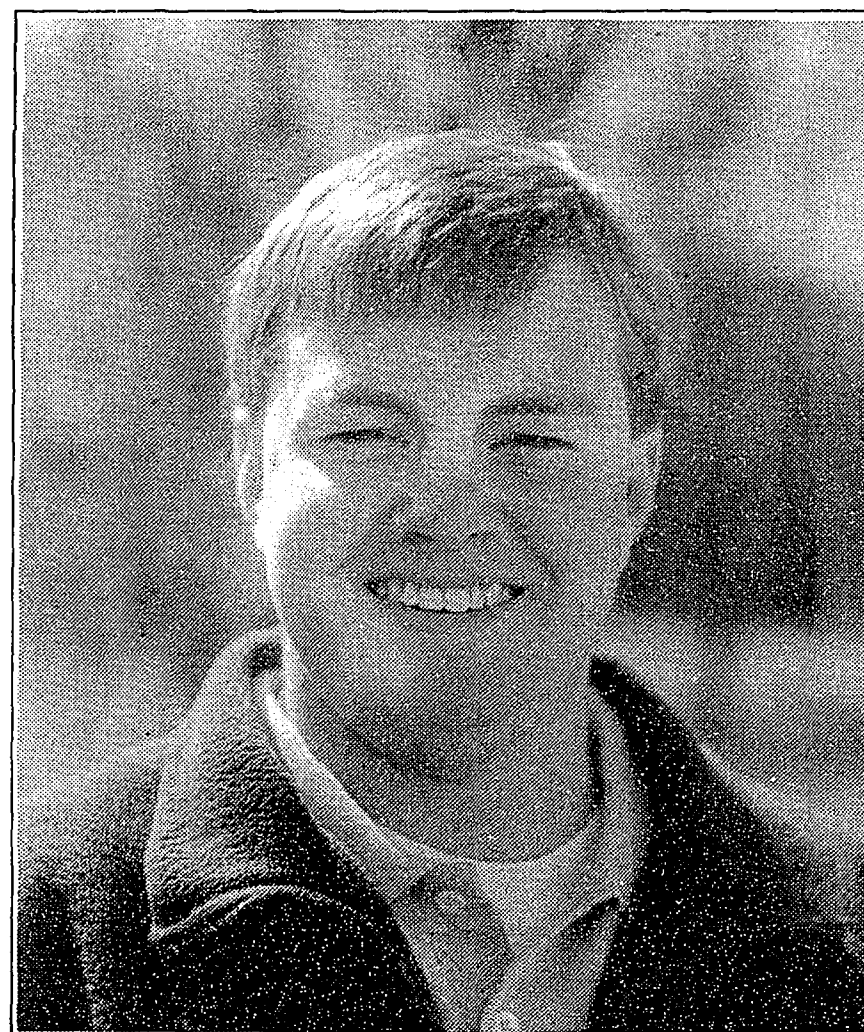
My hope for next year is to lead a group dedicated and committed to providing entertainment that everyone can enjoy. Social chairs in chemical-free dorms will be relied on to develop an agenda of chem-free events. A balance between alcohol and alcohol-free events will be stressed. I have already placed inquiries to top bands for next year and well as begun to make tentative plans for a great First Day of Loudness. There is a common belief among the vast majority of Colby students that social life is on a downward spiral. My goal, through the help of the social chairs, is to reverse that trend.

### Chris Sullivan '97

Experience, commitment, and innovation! What do these words mean to you? For me, Chris Sullivan, they are what qualify me for the position of Stu-A Social Chair. This position requires a lot of time and dedication, as I have seen this year working under the present Stu-A Social Chair, Alex Chin. As President of Johnson Commons this year, I have learned a lot about student government, how to run events, how to manage my time and how to relate with people. Serving in this elected position has allowed me to attend Stu-A Cabinet meetings, Presidents' Council and be a representative to several College committees throughout this year. These opportunities have given me an inside track on how Colby operates.

I have worked at almost every Stu-A social event this year and know what it takes to make the event run smoothly. Commitment, responsibility and innovation are some of the qualities that a Social Chair needs to possess to make an event successful. I feel that I possess these qualities and will use them to bring the best possible events that you, the students, want here to Colby.

I can make no promises as to what next year will bring in terms of social events. I do, however, have two issues that I will address if elected. First, we need to place a greater emphasis on school spirit. Colby has many fantastic athletic teams and I feel that each needs to be recognized and supported. I am not sure if this task falls under the position of social chair, but I want to see more school spirit at all the athletic events and I hope to be able to increase the pride that Colby should have in its athletics. This might be accomplished by subsidizing the cost of rides to big away games and starting an actual Colby mascot. Secondly,



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I would like to move the social scene back to campus. New and innovative events, at a reasonable cost to the student, can help me complete this task.

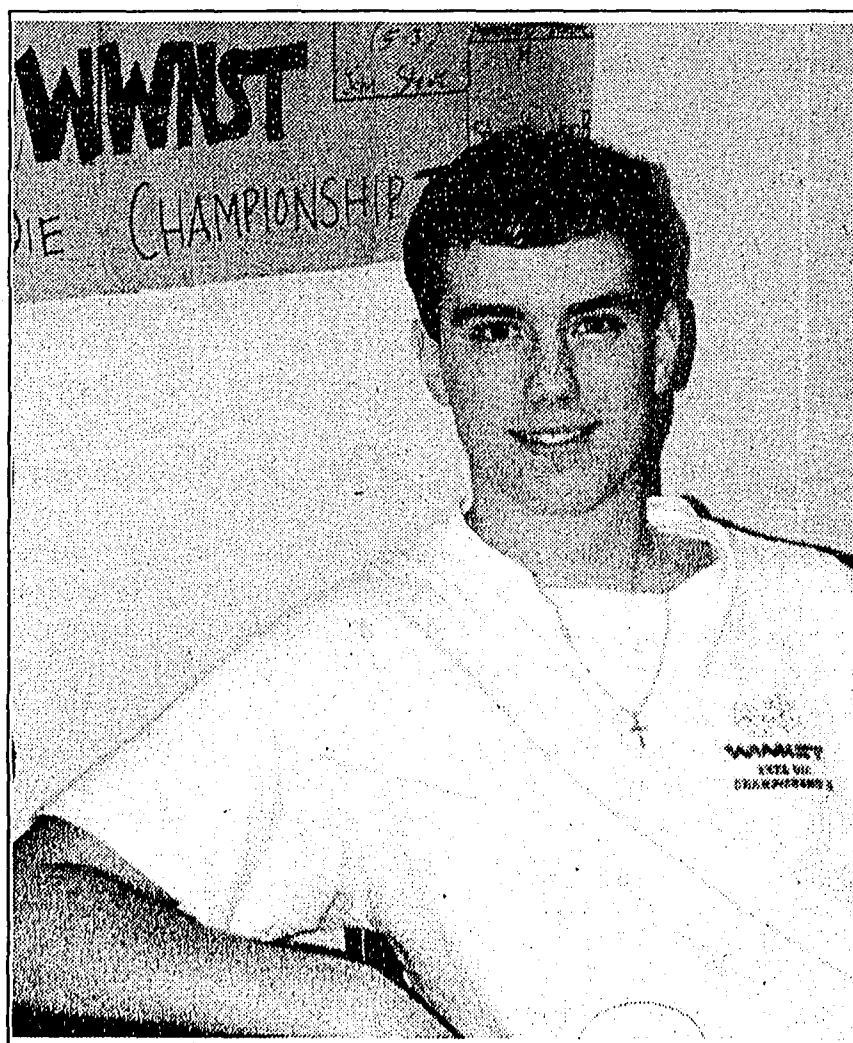
I strongly encourage each of you to vote on election day and hope that you consider the experience I have had in Stu-A and around campus in general as a representation of my leadership abilities and dedication to the social environment here at Colby. Thank you.

### Brent Ryan '97

Unfortunately over the last couple of years the number of social events on the Colby College campus has dropped by half. This is not a rumor, it is a fact. Another fact is that with each passing year record numbers of students are requesting to live off of the Colby campus. Don't for a minute think that these two facts are not correlated. The social life at Colby has been going through a slow decay over the years and students have lost interest in Colby's organized social events. It is this problem that I intend to address if elected social chair.

When I came to visit Colby four years ago I was attracted to a school that seemed to have a tremendously close knit community. This feeling was confirmed my first year at Colby through a very active social life, which led to many friends and fond memories. Since this time though, the number of social events at Colby have severely declined and along with this decline has been an increase in the number of strangers around campus. Many of the events that led to meeting new and interesting people were sponsored by the Student Association and since non-Stu-A functions have also dropped considerably, it becomes all the more important that Stu-A pick up the slack when it comes to Colby's social scene.

I have heard many students complain about the events that have been thrown by Stu-A, and I have also been less than impressed on occasion. I think there are a few simple problems, that if solved, could make a big difference in the campus social life. First and foremost, busy college students need to be able to plan their schedules. All too often large campus events go unpublicized until a couple of days before the event so the turnout is poor, as many students have already made plans. If elected I would remedy this problem by planning and publishing upcoming events well in advance so students know what is going on. Second, I have noticed a lack of creativity in many of



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the events that have been thrown recently. I like to dance as much as anyone, but the same music at the same Student Center parties gets boring after a while. I would like to keep and expand events like the Winter Carnival and decades parties. I also see the need to revive events like Skalloween, Pub on the Hill and put some life back into the first and last days of loudness. To add to these great events of the past, I think events like a suitcase party and a campus golf tournament would draw a lot of students. With careful and creative planning these events can once again be a campus staple. Finally, it is obvious that one person can not be as creative as a school, so it becomes essential that students input be retrieved and used to plan activities. An active polling of the students and a suggestion box seem to be a couple efficient ways to go about this.

It goes without saying that the consumption of alcohol has become a target of the administration, but I still maintain that events that include alcohol, yet not focus on it, are the events that are most widely attended by the student body. These are the types of events that I want to throw. I want events that, drunk or not, people can have a good time. Just because I think Beer Die should be a full medal event at the Olympics doesn't mean I can't have a good time doing other things.

I have planned many events in the past, from Beer Die tournaments to campus bands in lounges. I am currently the social chair of my dorm and have dealt with Security and the deans more often than I'd like in order to find out exactly what can and can't be done on this campus. I use the rules to my advantage and will use these same rules to get the most out of each Colby event. My main concern is the students and the campus community. I want to see people at Colby complimenting it rather than ranking on it.

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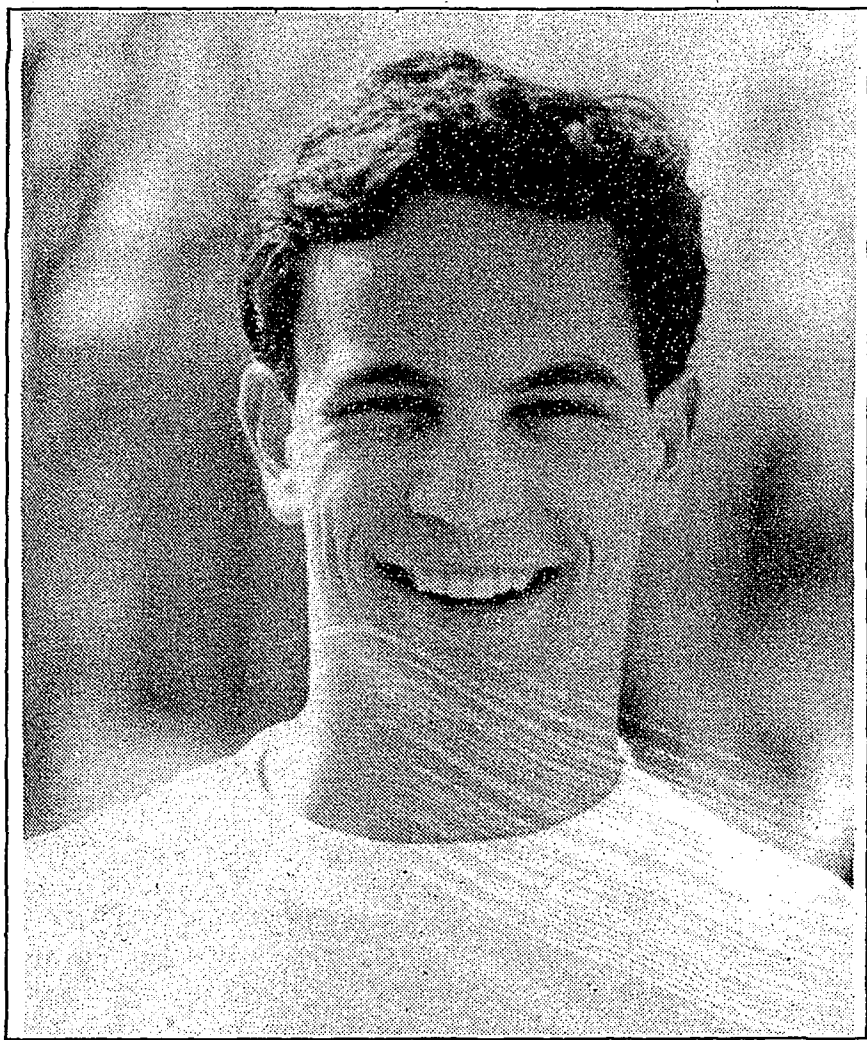
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# Election Edition

## Stu-A Social Chair...

Jonathan Foster '98



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If I am elected Stu-A social chair for next year, I plan to erase the social stigmas that label campus events either chem-free or non-chem-free. Each year the funds and emphasis placed on sponsoring chem-free events increase. Unfortunately, most of the people who consider themselves "non-chem-free" rarely hear about these fun and interesting events because they usually take place in the chem-free dorms. As a campus we should spend less time worrying about having chem-free or non-chem-free events and concern ourselves with simply having events.

For example, I would like to see a little more done with St. Patrick's Day. The doghead was successful but after 2 p.m. there was nothing to do. Next year, at the very least a dance centered around a St. Patrick's Day theme would be appropriate. Also, I think we'll be ready for another Funk party, maybe without P-Funk but with all the same clothes (I've still got a powder-blue leisure suit but no place to wear it). A Superhero party, where everyone dresses up like their favorite superhero, would be tons of fun. For concerts, I would like to try to get some smaller folk singers like Ani Defranco to play in either the Coffeehouse or the Spa. Also, bands like Big Head Todd and the Monsters, Alanis Morissette (who I know played at Brandeis and UNH), Rusted Root and maybe The Freddy Jones Band would probably all play here, if asked nicely.

More comedians in the Spa and more open-mic nights in the Spa and in the coffee house are needed. Also, with some new alcohol policy being put into effect, there may be less emphasis on dorm parties and more emphasis on the Student Center as a means of entertainment. Come springtime, I'm sure many of the campus bands and maybe a few others would play outdoors while the weather is nice.

In closing, I think a few changes would be good for Colby's social life and I hope I can count on your vote come election day.

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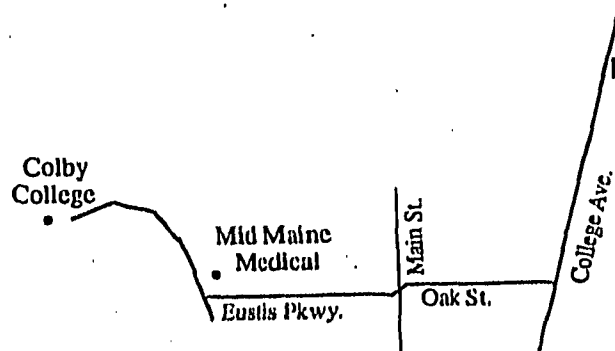
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### Anthony Rosenfeld '97

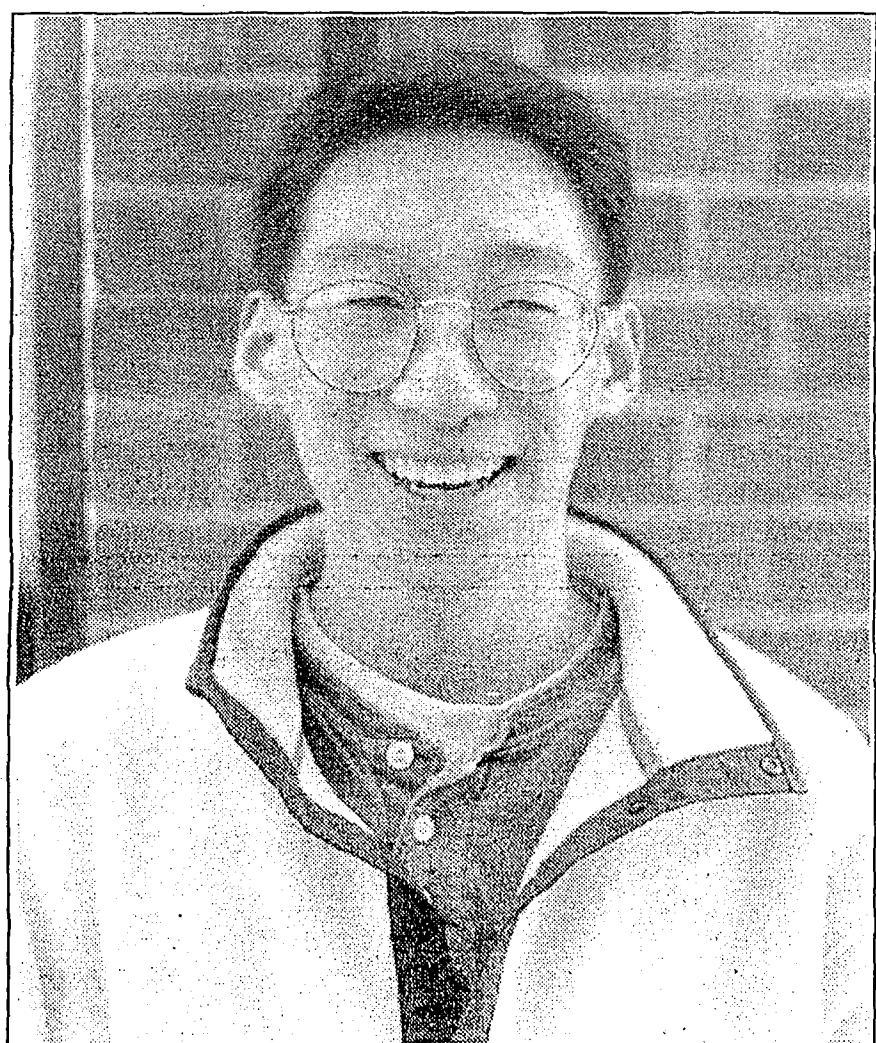
My name is Anthony Rosenfeld and I am running for Stu-A Cultural Chair. I am currently spending the year abroad in Salamanca, but have been kept abreast of the developments at Colby this year.

It seems like next year will be a pivotal one for culture and diversity at Colby College. With the completion of the Pugh Center comes a greater focus on creating a more cultural and diverse atmosphere on campus. My experiences this year have opened my eyes to the way other cultures act, feel and behave, and I am excited at the prospect of being able to channel my energy into helping the Student Association through the position of cultural chair.

I hope to bring lively speakers to Colby and give everyone a chance to take an active role in learning about other cultures. It is by learning about others and the way they live that we come to truly understand ourselves.

My experiences here in Spain give me a fresh perspective and great ideas for increasing cultural awareness at Colby through speakers, the Pugh Center and innovative ideas that everyone can enjoy.

### Walter Wang '99



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"Culture is the widening of the mind and of the spirit," said Jawaharal Nehru. As Stu-A Cultural Chair, it is my job to try to make this happen at Colby. Helping smaller organizations to create large, campus-wide events will help foster more awareness and participation. Sponsoring more prominent speakers that spark debate and controversy either through the Spotlight Lecture or through a special speaker's program will be one of my goals. I would also like to bring up musicians that perform music from around the globe. I believe that with your inputs and interests, next year will be the beginning of a new era at Colby.

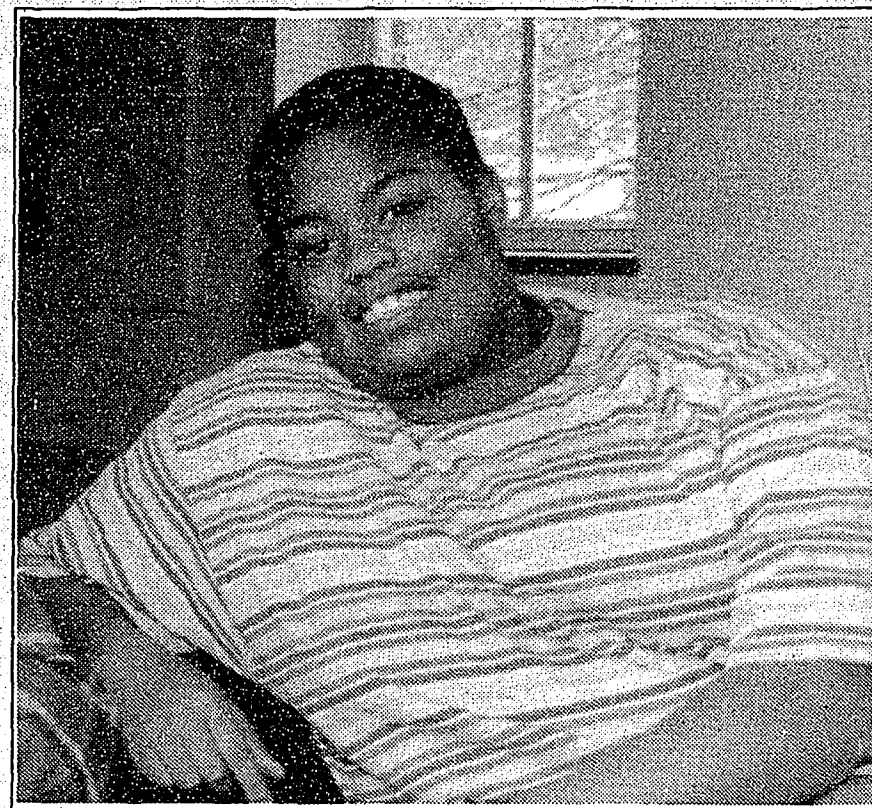
This year, I have been an active participant within the Colby community as the East Quad cultural chair and as a member of the Diversity Steering Group. One of my projects was the formation of a coalition of student organizations to sponsor the Asian New Year's Festival that was one of the most successful cultural events at Colby this year. I believe that my leadership has been tested and that I will be able to make next year an exciting and enlightening year for all.

### Kim Parker '97

I'm sure many of you are thinking there's some mistake, as I should be running for social chair not cultural chair, right? Granted the quest for a good time has never been far from my thoughts, neither though has the importance of cultural awareness. Spending second semester in D.C. has made me far more interested in developing a strong schedule of speakers and entertainers to bring to Colby for the benefit of the entire community.

Our campus is a fertile ground for the exchange of ideas that challenge our thoughts. However, it is vital to have a succession of speakers that will not tell us what we want to hear, rather what we need to hear, understand, and internalize in order to deal with life both at and away from Colby.

Hopefully these guest speakers will help provide a clearer, more acceptable definition of diversity and allow the student body at Colby to realize the importance of respecting as well as understanding the attributes that compose the entire character of the people we are surrounded by daily. We don't need to form any more committees to discuss diversity. Rather, we need to revel in our differences, celebrate our similarities, and experience a cultural awakening. I want to revamp the dorm Cultural chair system and incorpo-



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rate all groups while using the new multicultural Pugh Center as a common ground for greater understanding.

With a list of prospective speakers including professor and novelist John E. Wideman, activist Ras Baraka, educator Louanne Johnson, novelist Amy Tan and, perhaps, a lecture by an athlete living with HIV, Magic Johnson, I hope to make the Spotlight Lectures popular again. These speakers promise to drastically enlighten our campus and bring us an incredible year. Vote Kim Parker for Stu-A Cultural Chair. Open your mind to the possibilities.

### Emily Hinckley '99

To me, Stu-A Cultural Chair entitles imagination and responsibility. One must have the imagination to come up with different activities besides the standard dorm cultural movie or average cultural presentation. One has the responsibility to help others explore the many meanings of culture. Culture is not just the external characteristics of having different skin colors, coming from different parts of the world, or being of a different social classes.

Culture is looking into the inner being and asking why we are different. To truly understand culture, we must look into each individual and respect all the internal and external differences which keep our universe healthily diverse. We must also realize that we share a common similarity because of these differences.



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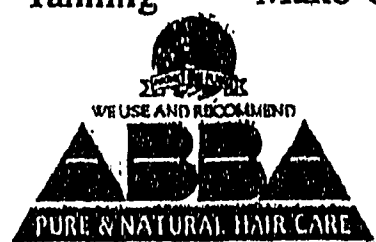
This year I was the Social/Cultural Chair of Pierce Hall. I was part of the Pierce Hall Council that helped raise the cultural awareness to greater heights this year. However, I would now like the chance to focus my energy and imagination in the broader aspect of the whole campus. Some of my goals are to bring more well-known and current speakers onto campus, to bring the professors and students together for some intellectually competitive activities outside of the classroom, and to give students the opportunity to appreciate all internal and external meanings of culture through various social events.

As your Stu-A Cultural Chair, I will be fully dedicated to broadening the minds and cultural awareness of the members of the Colby College community. VOTE ME IN AND THE FUN BEGINS!

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### Lis Pimentel '98

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I came from a high school environment where multiculturalism and political correctness reigned and I entered Colby's environment where among most of the students, multiculturalism and political correctness are seen as anathema. Having been exposed to both environments, I have seen firsthand that neither extreme is beneficial. I believe that it is crucial for all of us to be educated about the people in our world and our country. We are in college to be educated about a great many subjects and I find there to be a need for more speakers and events dealing with learning about different peoples and their cultures. As cultural chair I hope to enrich this campus by bringing in more speakers who will better prepare us to enter the world more inclined to



philanthropy and altruism. As clichéd as it may sound, we are the ones who will change our world into a kinder, more accepting place and we can only hope to do that if we have a firm base of understanding and knowledge about the differences among us that have shaped our past and that will shape our future.

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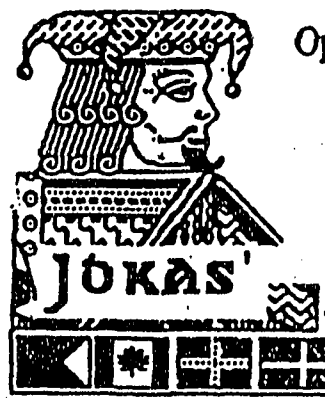
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## EDITORIALS

**Our Vote:****Experience and enthusiasm**

"Experience and Enthusiasm," is their campaign slogan, and it couldn't be more accurate. The Student Association presidential ticket of Josh Woodfork '97 and Graham Nelson '98 offers a combination of know-how and ingenuity that will serve the student body well.

Starting his freshman year, Woodfork jumped right in as coordinator of the overnight host program and was a vocal participant in weekly Campus Community Committee (CCC) meetings. He has proved his worth through many achievements, including his role in the formation of the multicultural center.

Two years ago, Woodfork served as Stu-A vice president under Brian Raffetto '95, so he knows what the job takes. Woodfork and Raffetto ran one of the most active and successful Stu-A administrations in recent history. Their weekly Student Opinion Polls, promotion of diversity and activity on the Trustee Commission on Multicultural and Special Interest Housing had a powerful and lasting impact on the Colby community.

If elected, Woodfork will be able to use his position to its full extent, without wasting time at the beginning of the year figuring out what it means to be Stu-A president. Woodfork and Nelson will be effective leaders from day one because they will not have to go through the usual "break-in" period that can render even the most ambitious administrations powerless at the beginning of their terms.

Nelson will bring a fresh outlook and enthusiastic attitude to the office of Stu-A vice president. While he has not been involved directly with Stu-A in the past, Nelson has been active in campus politics, and is a member of the Diversity Steering Group. His enthusiasm and ideas are just what many students have been looking for in a successful administration.

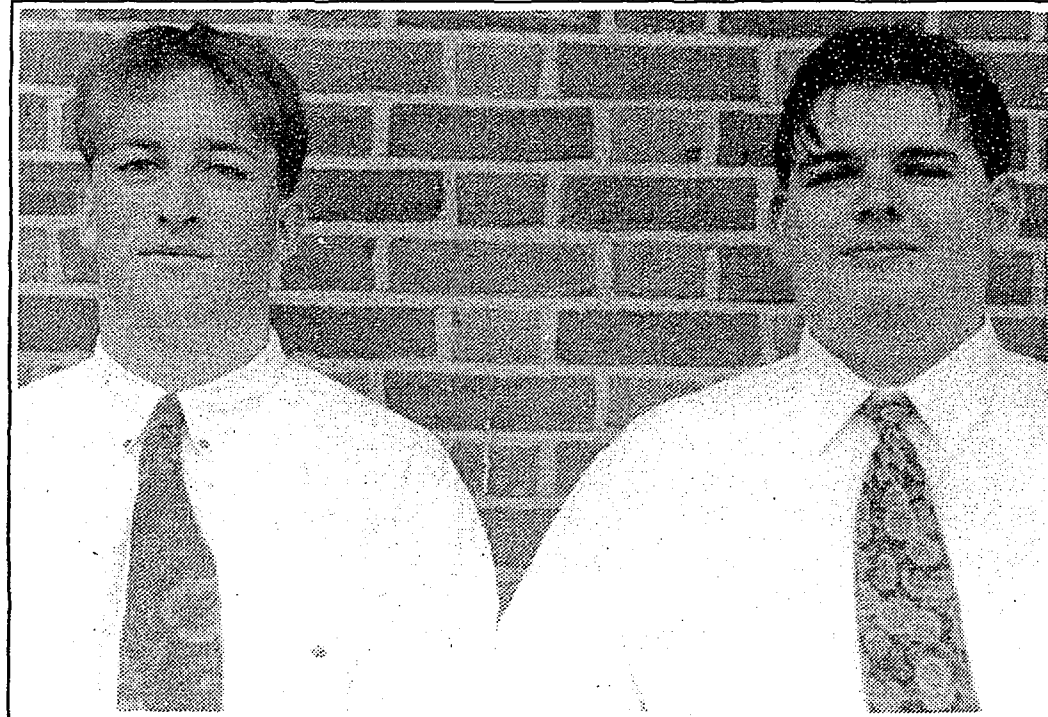
Woodfork and Nelson's plan to split Stu-A into separate legislative and social branches could revitalize student government and relieve Stu-A of the stigma of a powerless, social body. In a split system, each branch will be better able to focus on its own agenda. This focus will hopefully allow Stu-A to function more efficiently and effectively in all arenas.

Woodfork and Nelson want to work with the administration to build a sense of Colby spirit and pride without aiming for the unrealistic and unnecessary goal of complete unity. They value the tolerance and appreciation of differences that are the key to diversity on campus.

As Stu-A president and vice president, Woodfork and Nelson will have a valuable say in the Colby community. They claim that they will listen to student concerns, and Woodfork's record shows that he can back up that campaign promise. Two years ago, his Student Opinion Polls proved to be an effective and popular method of soliciting and responding to the concerns of the student body.

Like the majority of students, Woodfork and Nelson feel that Colby's social scene has gone downhill as it never truly made its comeback since the abolishment of fraternities. They are not going to spend unnecessary time attempting to "unify" Colby students as they believe people should thrive on their individuality and feel comfortable doing their own thing. Instead, they are going to work on increasing Colby spirit, thus allowing students to take more pride in Colby.

Next year will be a pivotal one with so many changes occurring on campus. Josh Woodfork and Graham Nelson will make sure these changes are carried through smoothly and in the best interest of Colby students.

**Election Edition****Candidates for Chaplin Commons  
President and Vice President**

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David Black '99 (l) and Jeff Schmalz '99.

**Jeff Schmalz '99 and David Black '99**

Think back for a second concerning Colby's school spirit during the 60's and 70's. At times, it seems as if our school has lost this spirit, which in the past has bonded us together. We want to reincarnate this spirit, thus our primary aspect of our platform. When we win, our actions will aid in the renewing of school spirit which we feel is Colby's greatest attribute.

This year the Chaplin president and vice president have done an admirable job of trying to bring forth the liveliness in our community. We hope to continue in the endeavor by incorporating the diversity of Colby into a social atmosphere which allows for all to enjoy themselves. It seems to us that many times when you are at a party you feel very uncomfortable when your regular group of friends is not present. We have developed a system which will hopefully rid of this anti-bonding issue, theme parties. What would be better than to have a concentration of students at one location? This is what we mean by Colby Spirit—bringing us together will in turn form binding not just in one's dorm, but in the entire Chaplin Commons. Just imagine a rivalry be-

tween commons, so great that students will be grateful that they live in Chaplin Commons with Jeff Schmalz and David Black as their leaders in the bonding of Colby. We will devote our time as grateful leaders to ensure that all dorms will be involved in the forming of this spirit.

Since times have changed, we feel the need to address the issue of staying sober for the year, or for certain nights. We realize that the parties this year have not incorporated this abstinent choice into their characteristics. For this reason, our stand as Chaplin Commons officers will bring about entirely new types of theme parties. The social activities must be enjoyable for all students at Colby. If this is not the case then we still will be unable to accomplish the strengthening of Colby pride.

The main goal of our candidacy would be to increase the social and over-all welfare of the community, while preserving the academic reputation. Jeff Schmalz and David Black, the responsible choice to form a renewed spirit at Colby. See you at the polls on April 8th!

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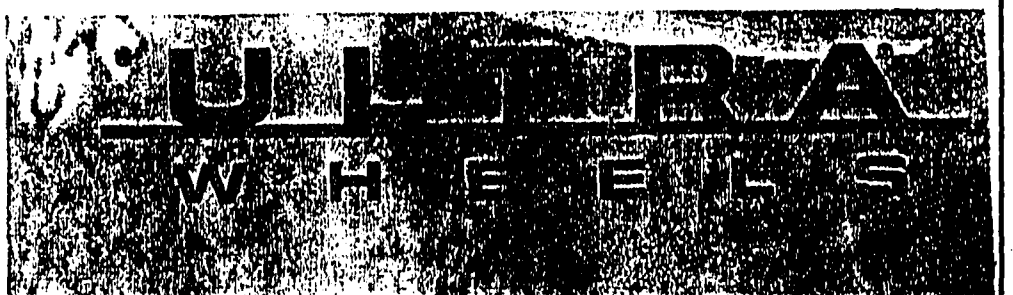
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# Election Edition

## Candidates for Chaplin Commons President and Vice President

### Harold Graves '97 and Galen Carr '97

Can it be denied that Colby needs someone to light a fire under it? How many students are feeling a bit stale, sick of the same old routine week in and week out? Well, with only a month or two left this school

year, you might be hard-pressed to find many changes. Not to worry, though; there is one change you can make that will ensure a fabulous, fun-filled, action-packed '96-'97. What is it, you ask? The answer is obvious.

Elect Harold Graves and Galen Carr president and vice president of Chaplin Commons. It's just that simple.

Let's think about this. The

positions of commons president and vice president are not omnipotent, monumental decision making sort of offices. We are basically just a liaison between the students of Chaplin Commons and the administration. Our job is to provide the residents of Chaplin Commons with a model living atmosphere, and we're prepared to take great pains in order to accomplish this goal. We are willing to work together with Stu-A and come together as a cohesive unit; an aspect of our school's government that was visibly absent this year. To get things done and improve the quality of Colby's social life, representatives must operate together. As your representatives, we are more than willing to do that. We'll answer directly to you every week by listening to your suggestions and

your problems; not be lackeys of the administration.

Obviously, this is not an easy task. Anyone who is an upperclassman here, and thus has a reference point, can definitely account for a

qualified to lead Chaplin Commons next year, and plan on making it the place where everyone wants to be.

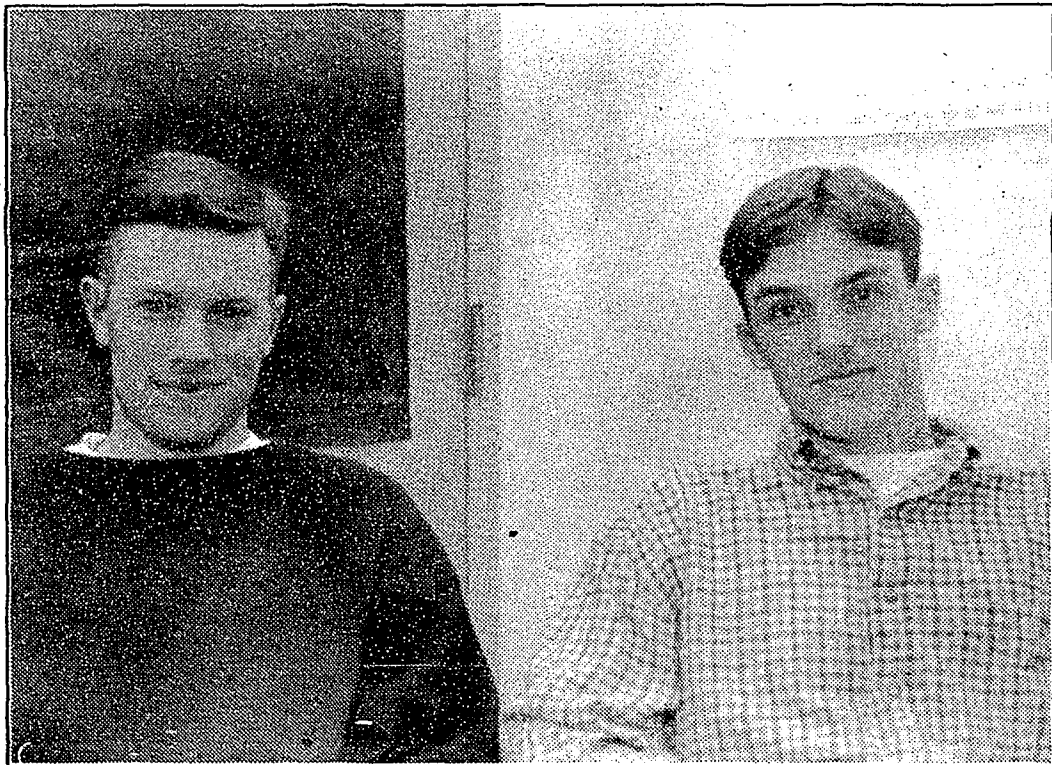
Having a combined five years of living experience in Chaplin

Commons, we know what needs to be done and how we need to do it. As seniors who have each experienced semesters abroad in Japan and Spain respectively, we have become attuned to the many different aspects of a successful social scene. Harold is an economics major with two internships under my belt, one of which was in a foreign country. From this he

takes first-hand knowledge of the value of hard work as well as the ability to accomplish in a goals-oriented workplace, which is essentially what being President of Chaplin entails. Galen has been a resident assistant for two years and is currently the sports editor of the *Echo*. Taking on the additional responsibility of vice president will be a fitting task and one that he is well suited for.

Next year will be our final one at Colby. As Chaplin Commons president and vice president, our aim is to make Mayflower Hill a place that students may call their home while being completely satisfied in doing so. Colby used to hold the honor of being "the happiest campus in the nation." We will make every effort to regain this coveted distinction.

We feel that we are more than



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Harold Graves '97 (l) and Galen Carr '97.



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Jennifer Lawrence '97 (l) and Chad Higgins '97.

### Chad Higgins '97 and Jennifer Lawrence '97

We, Chad Higgins and Jenny Lawrence, are the best candidates to continue the success of Patrick McBride and Andrew Black as Chaplin Commons leaders. They did an outstanding job of organizing social events that were successful campus-wide. Not only would we like to continue on this path, but we would like to take steps towards reviving the commons system. Events that would include participation from all residents will be a main priority. It is our hope that we can make Chaplin Commons a fun place to live by involving everyone. This means that we would like to have events that are chem-free in nature and do not revolve around alcohol. But the old ways won't be forgotten either.

Theme parties, Student Center

dances, commons competitions, fall and spring outdoor events, barbecues and even Commons' nights out are a few of the things that we have in mind. Bringing the focus of social events back to campus will create a feeling that we can actually have fun and not have to go anywhere. Pat and Andy tried to do this but got little help. We want to sponsor events along with the other commons in order to involve as much of the campus as possible.

We have been here for three years and we know what people like and what they hate. We want our last year here to be our best... and your best! Monday, April 8 cast your vote for Chad Higgins and Jenny Lawrence — Chaplin Commons President and Vice President.

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# Election Edition

## Candidates for Johnson Commons President and Vice President

### Ian Silverthorne '99 and Laura Houston '99

*When the promise of a brave new world unfolded beneath a clear blue sky. -Pink Floyd.*

We have 350 words to convince you to vote for us, so here goes...

We, Ian and Laura, have been involved in many activities here at Colby ranging from theater to Colby Friends to the ACE Committee, and have worked at Stu-A events. We love Johnson Commons right now, and we think that we can make it even better next year.

Some of our ideas include an optional prepayment system at the beginning of the semester for all commons events ranging from dances to parties to other events. This would make for a more convenient way to attend commons parties — your name would be covered at all the events that semester. We also will have a new release video playing in the main lounges of the dorms every Friday and Saturday night. We will have more large-scale chem-free alternatives at non-chem-free events. Also, remember how nice it was during Parents' Weekend to have the little bars of soap and paper towels in the bathrooms? We want to make it Parents' Day everyday, except without



Echo photo by Jennifer Atwood

### Laura Houston '99 (l) and Ian Silverthorne '99.

speeches by the administration, the strange dinners at Bobs, and without actually having Mom and Dad here. So basically the soap and paper towels.

As Commons President and VP, we will work extremely hard to open up communication between commons leaders and people living in the commons — through e-mail bombs, mailbox bombs, as well as phone bombs sent every week detailing upcoming events. These would also con-

tain information on major decisions being made by the significant committees on campus — you could reply to them and make suggestions and comments.

A major aspect of our candidacy includes providing a link. A function of Stu-a is to make life on campus more enjoyable. We would try our hardest to make life in Johnson Commons enjoyable, and to take all your ideas and try to make them happen. Sorry, we used 337 words.

### Chad Pimentel '98 and Jon Olinto '98

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves to the Colby community and especially to those members whom we hope to represent next year in Johnson Commons. We are Chad Pimentel and Jon Olinto and we are currently running for the position of Johnson Commons president and vice-president, respectively. Both of us are very excited about obtaining the opportunity to hold these positions because we are confident of our abilities to make significant improvements upon the student life at Colby and more

specifically, within Johnson Commons. First, Chad is the current president of Drummond and, therefore, possesses the necessary experience in operating within Stu-A and Presidents' Council in order to get things accomplished. Also, as hall president, Chad has gained valuable insight to the demands and needs of the student body that have been expressed throughout this past year. While Chad brings experience, Jon has the energy and motivation that is necessary to carry out all of our goals. With this combination we will be able to build upon the positive tradi-

tion of Johnson Commons and make some vital changes essential to the improvement of student life of these dorms.

While we are strongly dedicated to providing weekend parties and dances

parties that will stress having a great time rather than "getting bombed." Also, we realize that the school must offer more enjoyable events on the weekend to provide alternative choices to the typical party.

Ultimately, we will strive to secure happiness and good times for our commons residents in the approaching year. However, we understand that this can only occur if we are responsive to the needs of all Johnson Commons members. We are both open minded individuals and will fuel from the input given to us from the

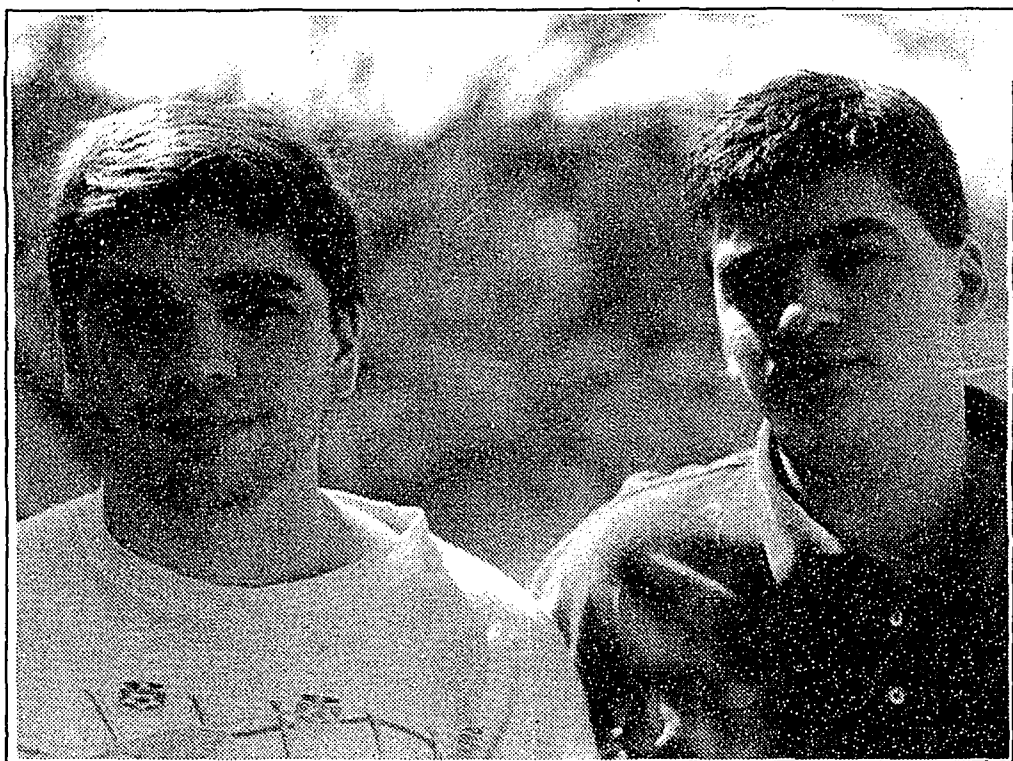


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### Chad Pimentel '98 (l) and Jon Olinto '98.

in dorm lounges and the Student Center, one of our major goals is to increase commons and/or Stu-A sponsored chem-free activities that will involve the whole campus. Presently, Colby's weekend activities seem to be separated between distinct chem-free and drinking groups. For this reason, we will work to integrate and bring the unification that should exist on this campus. We hope to do this by creating an atmosphere at parties in which chem-free students feel comfortable at parties where alcohol is served. Also, we plan to break this separation by thinking of creative and innovative

students we represent. Thus, each member of the commons will play a role in the decisions we make and the events we plan. This will be done by organizing monthly meetings that will allow any resident to come and express their ideas, problems, or concerns. In conclusion, we would like to express that this is a position that we take very seriously and one in which we will commit continuous effort. Although we will make no campaign promises, we can guarantee that if elected, Chad Pimentel and Jon Olinto will work extremely hard to make next year great.



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### Matt Strobl '98 (l) and Dave Goldman '98.

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Politicians win elections. Unfortunately, we are not politicians, we're students. Just like you, we watch our grades suffer, we're broke, and our classes are too early. We've got the necessary leadership experience, but we certainly aren't the gods of student government. Now some candidates are very talented at telling people what a good job they will do. They are the politicians, they are easy to vote for. It's easy to vote for names you've heard, or people you know, or for those who tell you what you want to hear, but it's hard to choose the best people for the job. This isn't a life or death decision. It's simply the choice of who will both serve and lead Johnson Commons next year. This year we've watched the way the system works. We have seen its benefits and flaws, just as many of you have. What we want is a chance to put our ideas into action, and many of yours as well. All we need are votes. Look at the ballot on election day. Will one name look like more of a president than

another? Does better campaigning mean a better leader? Or does it mean a better politician? Many of you may already have in your minds the people who you will vote for. Some of you think you know who will do the best job, and you may be right. But the only way of knowing is to wait and see how the winners perform in office, and by then it's too late to change your mind. So much of your choice must be based on these words, and on the campaigning that will take place. You will see our names on signs, but many other names will be posted as well, so in the end it comes down to your opinions. Consider this when you vote; we would not run unless we were confident in our abilities to represent the commons and its students, for we are included in that group. Put Johnson Commons not in the hands of politicians, talkers, or campaigners, but in the hands of two students. Please vote for Matt Strobl and Dave Goldman for Johnson Commons President and V.P.



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### Jason Cherella '99 (l) and Todd McGovern '97.

### Todd McGovern '97 and Jason Cherella '99

The time for action is now! No longer should the students remain passive throughout their four years of college. Whether socially or politically, it is time for the "silent

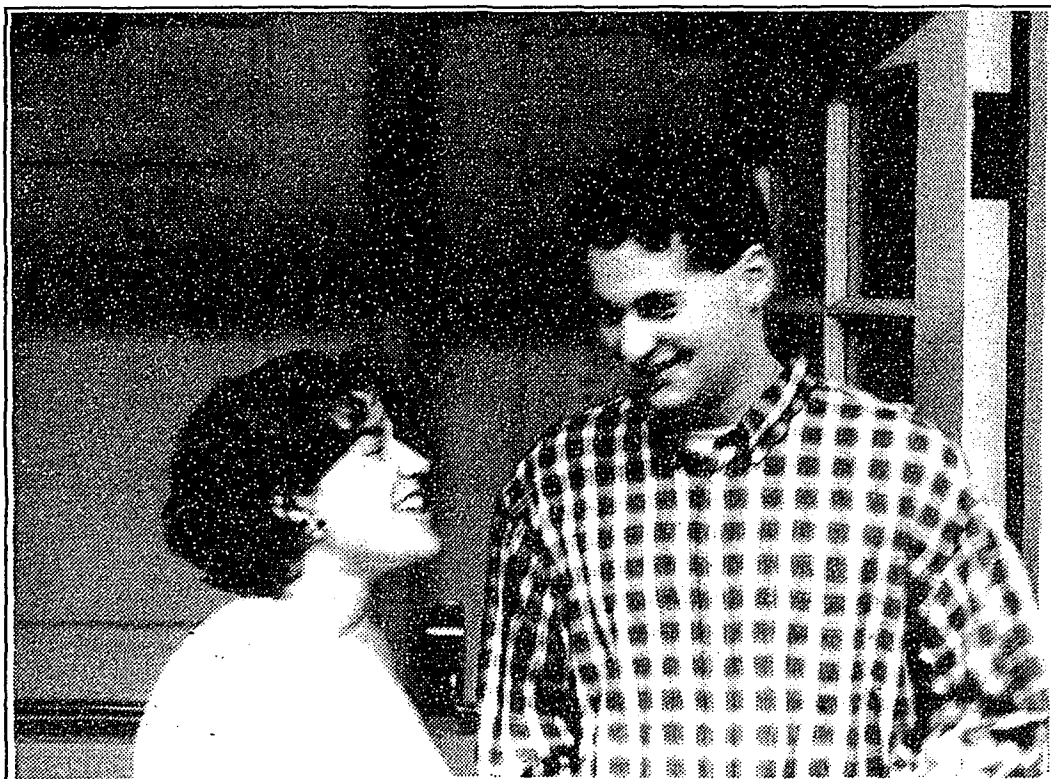
majority" to express their concerns to the administration. We want to be the medium that liberates Colby and arms the students with a voice that will be heard.



# Election Edition

## Candidates for Lovejoy Commons President and Vice President

### Andy Weinstein '98 and Annie Flanagan '99



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Annie Flanagan '99 (l) and Andy Weinstein '98.

Andy and Annie. We don't care whether they're called sprinkles or jimmies. We think the Heights' community room is cool. We love blue carpeting. We like eating the chicken fingers in Dana on Sunday nights without forks or bowls. Besides, no one really knows what Idaho is all about. Idaho is not a territory. It's a state.

Lovejoy Commons has the biggest budget out of all four com-

mons. This means Lovejoy Commons should be the most fun and interesting place to live on campus. We want to bring the fun to Lovejoy Commons because we think Colby needs more social events of all kinds: well-planned, well-publicized and popular events. Since Lovejoy is the largest commons, it should have the loudest voice. Representation of student opinion needs to be raised to a respectable level. How often are you asked for your opinion on campus

issues? We are some of the most intelligent college students in the country — your opinion should be of value.

No, we don't want you to come hear us play at the coffee-house. Besides, Annie has no musical talent. We want to listen to you, represent you, love you and embrace you with lunch lady arms. We want you to have fun because that's what college should be about.



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Brad Sicchitano '99 (l) and Ben Langille '99.

### Ben Langille '99 and Brad Sicchitano '99

We, Ben Langille and Brad Sicchitano, are candidates running for the positions of Lovejoy Commons president and vice-president. Both freshmen, we currently live next door to each other in Dana Hall.

We have worked well together as co-vice-presidents of our dorm this year. We have not taken our positions lightly, but have chosen to immerse ourselves in the task of organizing dorm-wide activities and increasing Dana's overall social atmosphere. Some events and programs which we have planned and carried out include an all-dorm game of Killer, Big G's nights, theme parties and a large Superbowl extravaganza. Most Dana residents will vouch for the dedication and enthusiasm with which we have approached our jobs. The intent of this letter, therefore, is to inform all Lovejoy residents that we desire to continue our involvement on a Commons-wide scale.

What do we plan to do as president and vice-president of Lovejoy Commons? A fair question we suppose. One concern of ours has been some students' lack of respect for dorms and fellow students. We have witnessed a general disrespect for quiet hours and Colby property and would like to present what we are referring to as a "Personal Responsibility Code." A code of this sort would stress the responsibility of all students to respect school property and peers and to discourage inappropriate behavior on the part of fellow residents.

We have heard many complaints including "Colby is dead on Friday nights" and "It's always the same old thing." We do not disagree and come to you asking for a chance to turn things around. We have several ideas for unique and fun events for the upcoming school year and would love to see them actually happen. We want to organize "The First Annual Colby Olympics," in which the four commons would each field teams for numbers of unique games and competitions, all culminating in a barbecue awards ceremony. Other ideas include "Mr. Colby College," a male beauty pageant and frequent "Midnight Water Gun Fights."

In addition, we have already looked into installing soap dispensers in all of the bathrooms on campus. Please allow us to better your hygiene.

We aim to evaluate Colby's current meal plan and possibly introduce one which is more efficient and convenient. Do you think you eat \$80 worth of food a week? That's what you're paying for now.

We have many other ideas and improvements which we would like to implement next year if given the opportunity. Yeah, that's a hint. Here's where you come into the picture. We need anyone and everyone in support of our ideas to actually take thirty seconds out of April 8 and vote for bettering your college experience.

"Vote Ben and Brad."

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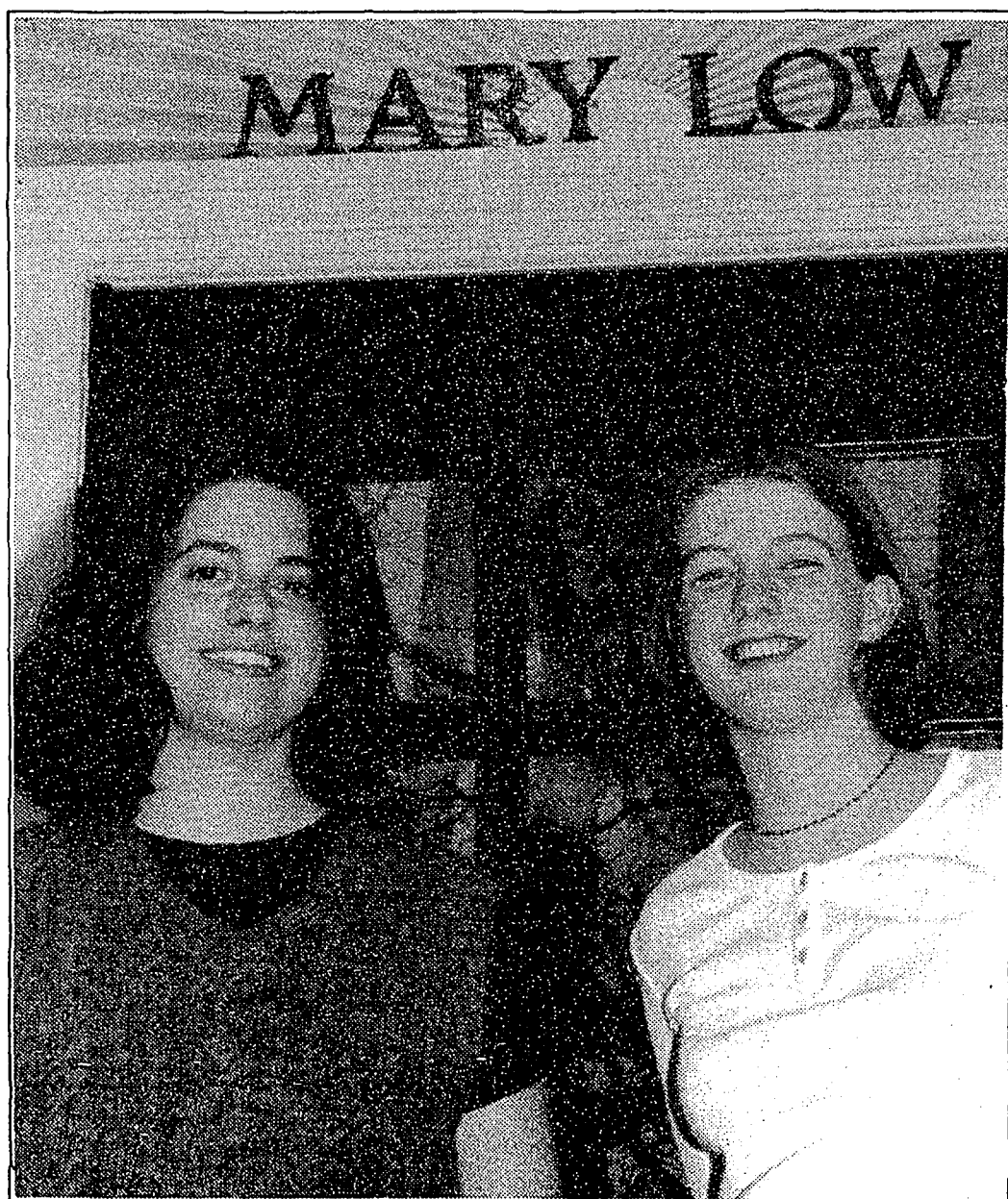


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# Election Edition

## Candidates for Mary Low Commons President and Vice President



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Flannery Higgins '99 (l) and Julie McMaster '99.

### Flannery Higgins '99 and Julie McMaster '99

Hello Colby students. We are Flannery Higgins and Julie McMaster and we are candidates for Mary Low Commons president and vice president. This is a brief discussion of what we stand for and why we want to get involved. We are running for office because we like Mary Low Commons and we want to see a proud Mary Low tradition continue. We want to support an active and involved community. We want to see the members of Mary Low Commons respect each other and the place where we all live together.

We want to be your commons president and vice president because we are the kind of people who can get things done. Both of us have already played an active role in the Colby community. Flannery has been involved in the

Class of 1999 Council as well as working with the committee overseeing the new dormitory proposal. She has also been involved in other groups such as the X-country team and the Colby orchestra. Julie has been active in her dorm community.

Basically we believe that we are the right pair for this job. There is a lot of money out there allocated to each Commons. We want to see it put to use in fun ways that benefit all Commons members. We are dedicated to working hard with the individual dorm presidents to see that events are being put on. We are also interested in the individual opinions of all Commons members and are always open to suggestions. So get involved and vote for the future of Mary Low Commons. Vote for us. Thanks!

### Rowan Keenan '99 and Leah Dering '99

Rowan Keenan and Leah Dering, two positive, two experienced, two wicked household names joined together for the one and only cause that means anything: Mary Low Commons. We are running a positive campaign based on the issues. Live free or die. Ask not what Mary Low can do for you, but what you can do for Mary Low. A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush. A stitch in time saves nine. People who live in glass houses should not throw stones. Don't fire till you see the whites of their eyes. Remember the Maine. It's not over till the fat lady sings. The buck stops here! Question authority.

This is just a taste of our vast repertoire of clichés. In truth we are looking forward to representing Mary Low Commons next year because we are having a great year this year. Leah is cultural chair to Mary Low, and I am vice president of Coburn so I am typing this very quietly. Why do we want to represent Mary Low? Because we love Foss dining hall. We love being part of Mary Low. Our commons is somewhat removed from the general campus. To live in Mary Low one becomes part of a different world. The world of vegetarian dining and low decibel dorms. The world of cooking co-ops and mellow dorm life. We understand the residents of

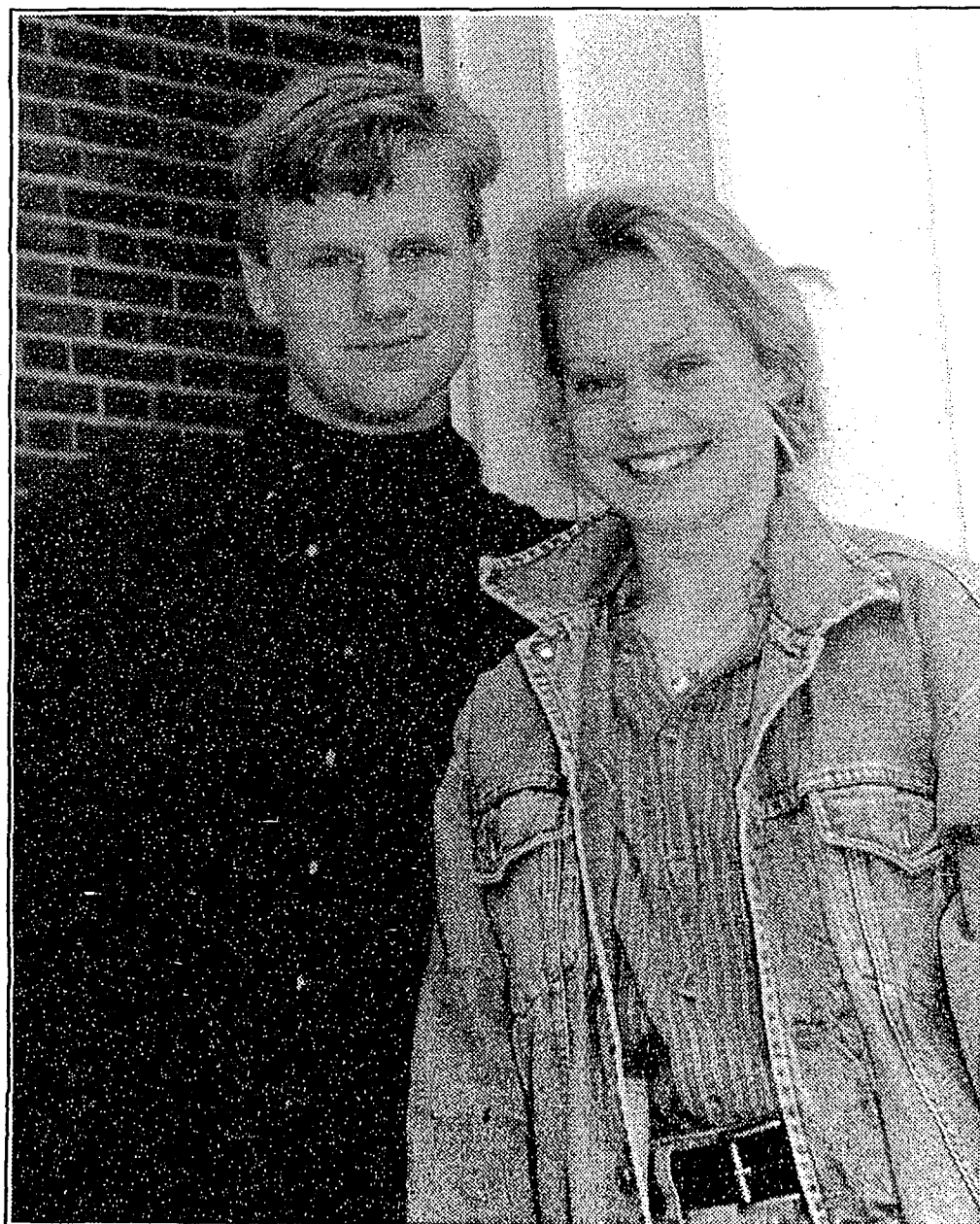


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Rowan Keenan '99 (l) and Leah Dering '99.

Mary Low and if you see us around campus say "hi," you'll know its us because we'll say "hi" back. Talk to us about the issues, or just about the weather. We're usually

up to date on both. And when its time to cast the ballots, be there or be square, and vote for Keenan and Dering because the world doesn't run on wishes!

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES AT COLBY

• Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper (Catholic)

7 p.m. Lorimer Chapel

• Maundy Thursday Communion Service (Protestant)

9 p.m. Rose Chapel



• Ecumenical Good Friday Memorial

12 noon - 2:45 p.m. Lorimer Chapel

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• Catholic Good Friday Service and Communion

3:00 p.m. Lorimer Chapel

• Audio-Visual Stations of the Cross

9:00 p.m. Lorimer Chapel

• Sunday Morning Sunrise Service

5:45 a.m. Lorimer Chapel

• Catholic Easter Sunday Mass

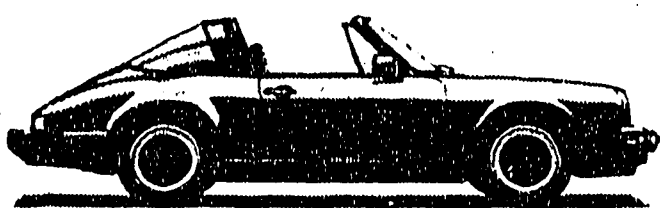
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- Assistant Editors
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- Subscriptions Manager
- Online Editor

The *Echo* is also looking for students to fill the following staff positions:

- Photographers
- Layout Assistants
- Ad Representatives
- Ad Designers
- Writers (all sections)

Applications may be picked up from the envelope on the door of the *Echo* production office in the basement of Roberts. At least two writing samples are required for most editorial positions. Applications are due on Monday, April 22, 1996 by 5 p.m. Start thinking about it now! Editorial positions are paid. Previous newspaper experience is helpful. Call Dave or Alison at x3349 with any questions, or e-mail [echo@colby.edu](mailto:echo@colby.edu).

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